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SUBSTANCE FOR THE APPLICATION ON THE SKIN WHICH
CONTAINS AT LEAST TWO POLYMEROUS LAYERS
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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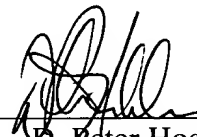
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of all of the U.S. patents and four of the foreign patents are enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Action on this case.

A copy of the International Search Report, Form PCT/ISA/210, was submitted with this application and the references therein are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the foreign patent DE 197 06 824 C is enclosed since it is listed in both the search report and in the specification of the application. A copy of the two other foreign patents cited therein are not submitted herewith. Instead, for the foreign patent (DE 32 31 400 A) that has a U.S. Patent family member (5,306,503), that U.S. Patent is enclosed.

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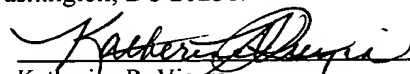
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